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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office is the following document

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Amendment (Responsive to Office Action dated 22 January 2002);
3. Appendix A - Pending Claims 1-31 and 42-45 (CLEAN VERSION);
4. Appendix B - Amended Claims 44-45 (MARKED-UP VERSION);
5. Appendix C - Copy of Interview Summary dated 04 April 2002; and
6. postcard evidencing the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees necessary from Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 32-33. (N.E.) Already canceled

Please add new claims 44-45, as indicated in Appendix B.

REMARKS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated 22 January 2002 and the Telephonic Interview with the Examiner on 04 April 2002, during which time the outstanding Office Action was discussed, Applicants are submitting this Amendment to the claims. As acknowledged by the Examiner in the Interview Summary (Appendix C), the Examiner inadvertently withdrew